

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. : 10/741,821  
Applicant : Frederic ROELENS  
Filed : December 19, 2003  
TC/A.U. : 2614  
Examiner : Michael P. CHOI  
Docket No. : 02-MGE-349  
Customer No. : 23334  
Confirmation No.: 2611  
For : *PROCESS AND DEVICE FOR DECODING MPEG PICTURES  
AND FOR DISPLAYING THEM IN REWIND MODE, VIDEO  
DRIVER CIRCUIT AND DECODER BOX INCORPORATING  
SUCH A DEVICE*

**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF UNINTENTIONALLY ABANDONED  
APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b)**

Box DAC  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
**ATTENTION: Office of Petitions, Tel. Number (703) 305-9282**

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for revival of the above-identified patent application.

Table Of Contents For Each Section Of this Petition  
Petition (3 pages) - Begins on page 2.  
Exhibit A: (1 Page) – Notice of Abandonment Dated January 17, 2008 - Attached  
Exhibit B (2 Pages) - Request with Post Card for Status Dated January 26, 2006 - Attached  
Exhibit C (1 Page) – USPTO First Action Prediction via PAIRS dated February 9, 2006 - Attached  
Exhibit D (1 Page) - Print out from Docketing System - Attached.

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.8, I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 or facsimile transmitted or submitted under electronics filing system to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date: January 22, 2008

By: Jon Gibbons

Signature: /Jon Gibbons/

(Applicant, Assignee, or Representative)

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.137 and §1.181, the Applicants respectfully petition the Commissioner for withdrawal of the holding of Abandonment. The Notice of Abandonment, dated January 17, 2008 (see Exhibit A), states that the reason for Abandonment is *“Applicant’s failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance”*.

On January 26, 2006, as part of our normal business practice to ensure that an application is not lost within the USPTO, we sent a Request for Status around the three-year anniversary of the filing date. Since this case was originally filed on December 19, 2003, we sent a Request for Status dated January 26, 2006 (see Exhibit B). As part of our normal business practice, since we did not receive a stamped return post card, on February 9, 2006 using the Private PAIR system at the USPTO, we requested a First Office Action Prediction. Through Private PAIR on February 9, 2006, the Customer Service Office in Technology Center 2600 response with an estimate, the we *“will receive an Office Action in approximately 30 months”* from the date of the letter (See Exhibit C). The estimate of 30 months from February 9, 2006 is August 9, 2008. Part of our normal business procedure is to docket another Request for Status or Status Check six-months after the earliest estimate from the USPTO, in this case February 9, 2009 (See Exhibit D illustrating the dates in our docketing system).

Subsequent to the February 9, 2006 communication from the USPTO, the Applicant’s representatives never received any follow-up (written or telephone) communications from the USPTO other than this January, 17, 2008 Notice of Abandonment (See Exhibit A). From the date of filing until the receipt of the Notice of Abandonment, the Applicant’s representative maintained the same mailing address and customer number.

Applicants believe that this petition is a non-fee petition. However, if it should be determined that a fee is required, please charge any fee that may be required to Deposit Account No. **50-1556**.

Applicant certifies that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of this grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) was

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Reply to Office Action of January 17, 2008

unintentional. Because the application was filed after June 8, 1995, a terminal disclaimer is not required for revival.

In the alternative, in the highly unlikely event that this petition is not granted, the Applicants respectfully request that this petition be considered a petition to revive an unintentionally abandoned patent application, and accordingly please apply the payment of the required issue fee and publication fee from the Deposit Account **50-1556** under 35 USC §41(a)(7) and MPEP 711.03(c) as an unintentionally abandoned patent application due to Applicants detrimental reliance on the USPTO's monthly deposit account statement indicating there were sufficient funds to pay the required issue fee and publication fee.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: January 22, 2008

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			01/17/2008	ELECTRONIC

## Notice of Abandonment

This application is abandoned in view of:

1. ☐ The applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (a) ☐ A reply was received on \_\_\_\_\_ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission date \_\_\_\_\_), which is after the expiration of the period for reply (including a total extension of \_\_\_\_\_ month(s)) which expired on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ A proposed reply was received on \_\_\_\_\_, but it does not constitute a proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113(a) to the final rejection. (A proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to a final rejection consists only of:
    - (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance;
    - (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee);
    - (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114).
  - (c) ☐ A reply was received on \_\_\_\_\_ but it does not constitute a proper reply, or a bona fide attempt at a proper reply, to the non final rejection. See 37 CFR 1.85(a) and 1.111. (See explanation in box e below).
  - (d) ☐ No reply has been received.
2. ☒ Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
  - (a) ☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, was received on \_\_\_\_\_ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission date \_\_\_\_\_), which is after the expiration of the statutory period for payment of the issue fee (and publication fee) set in the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
  - (b) ☐ The submitted fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is insufficient. A balance of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is due.  
The issue fee required by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$\_\_\_\_\_.  
The publication fee, if required by 37 CFR 1.18(d), is \$\_\_\_\_\_.
  - (c) ☒ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, has not been recieved.
3. ☐ Applicant's failure to timely file corrected drawings as required by, and within the three-month period set in, the Notice of Allowability (PTO-37).
  - (a) ☐ Proposed corrected drawings were received on \_\_\_\_\_ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Trasmission dated \_\_\_\_\_), which is after the expiration of the period for reply.
  - (b) ☐ No corrected drawing have been received.
4. ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the attorney or agent of record, the assignee of the entire interest, or all of the applicants.
5. ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a)) upon the filling of a continuing application.
6. ☐ The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interference rendered on \_\_\_\_\_ and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.
7. ☐ The reason(s) below:

Petitions to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b), or request to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181, should be promptly filed to minimize any negative effects on patent term.

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**Enclosed are the following:**

Request for Status (in duplicate); and copy of Official Filing Receipt

**Docket No. 02-MGE-349**

**210-P0046**

**January 26, 2006**

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*VIDEO DRIVER CIRCUIT AND DECODER* )  
*BOX INCORPORATING SUCH A DEVICE* )  
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**REQUEST FOR STATUS**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicant kindly requests status on the above-identified application. No Office Action has been received since the application was filed on December 19, 2003 (over 2 years ago).

A copy of the filing receipt and a duplicate copy of this request are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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To: Applicant of Serial Number 10741821  
Filed on 19-DEC-2003  
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It is estimated that this application will receive an Office action in approximately 30 months. This is an estimate that is based on the current inventory level of applications filed in this art area and the current staffing levels in this Art Unit. The USPTO is dedicated to minimizing first action and total pendency, and we are targeting resources to help address backlogs in art areas with high new application filings. Thank you for your inquiry.

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